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Approved Minutes 15 March, 2000

1. & 2. Call to Order and of Roll

Present:

Stanfield, Vetrosky, Allison, Bowers, Brown, Cohen, Haywick, Dilsaver, Jones, Labbe, Miller, Morris, Payne, Rogers, Bracken, Hsu, McGinnis, Ryder, Trufant, Davidson-Shivers, McIntosh, Strange, Van Haneghan, Hamid, Olsen, Parker, Engebretson, Murray, Norman, Ballard, Brandon, Cepeda, Cox, Foster, Honkanen, Kayes, Ledoux, Nelson, Teplick, Townsley, Wesenberg, DeWitt, Doolittle

Absent (Excused):

Arata, Dagenais, Spector, Chrysllee, Hitt, Kennett, Langan, Wilson, Sternberg, Stevens, Tuck-Muller, Weitzel

Absent (Unexcused):

Zhang, Frederick, Weston

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

4. Report from the Chair:

Dr Labbe thanked all who served this year as senators. She recognized those who served on the executive committee and acknowledged their hard work, leadership and sensitivity to the needs of the University. She further encouraged all senators who will be staying on next year to consider serving as a committee chair or in some capacity on the executive committee. She reminded all that the election for new senators and senate Chair, vice-chair, and secretary will occur next meeting.

Dr Labbe reported that a sub committee of the Presidential Search Process Committee which consists of Dr. Labbe, Dr. Covey, and Warren Green will be drafting a Leadership Statement. This committee will use the guiding principles of the Association of Governing Boards to create a search procedure.

5. Announcement of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

President Moulton addressed the senate and thanked them for their input during the search process. He outlined the process and background from which a decision was made. He complimented all of the applicants who were chosen to be interviewed. He was pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Patsy Covey to the position of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Covey was

present and briefly addressed the senate. She assured them that she would work for the best interests of the University and the faculty.

President Moulton had recently returned from Montgomery where he attended a legislative session relating to the teacher pay raise. He informed the faculty senate that the Bill has carried over. The impact it might make on higher education was elucidated.

6. Reports from Standing Committees:

Salary and Benefits Committee Dr. LeDoux stated that the resolution for the vacation policy for has been tabled for one month as opinions are still coming in from the various colleges within the University. She also stated that the survey for a dental policy results are pending.

Policy and Handbook Committee The committee looked into the new grade grievance policy changes and reported the results in "old business."

Evaluation Committee Dr. Jones stated that the final touches have been completed on the faculty survey instrument, and it will be distributed this month. He encouraged everyone to complete and return the survey.

Planning Committee No report.

7. Reports from Caucus Leaders:

Dr. McGinnis stated that the college of business was looking into the possibility of having voice mail for all of their faculty.

8. Old Business:

The final grade grievance policy was reviewed by the Policy and Handbook Committee, and was presented to the senate by Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris called for the senate to accept the grade grievance policy. A vote was taken and the policy was passed.

Dr. Rogers committee has summarized the findings of the Faculty involvement in University Governance issues. This will be posted on the web.

The report on the feasibility of football evaluation by Carr and Associates will be forthcoming. No decisions will be made until May. The university will hire a marketing firm to investigate this aspect of starting a football program.

9. New Business:

Dr. Labbe briefly discussed the teaching and service awards.

There was no other new business.

10. Adjournment:

Elise Labbe adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
D. Vetrosky, Secretary

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